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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment of 6/29/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8 and 10-20.
3. The drawings filed on 08 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

.None of the prior art taught or suggested:

an LCD with connecting wires on a side perpendicular to the side on which drive electrode groups are arranged and connecting the electrodes and the drive electrode groups; connecting wires are arranged in the image non-display section and having a thickness greater than that of the electrodes in the image display section, and

Re claim 3 and those depending thereon the connection structure where each said connecting wire is a two-layer structure formed of an indium-tin oxide layer and a low-reflection metal layer. In references such as Hagiwara 20030058395 the same structure is present, but the metals listed cannot be construed as "low reflection", as copper, silver and palladium are all known for high reflectivity. Please note that the limitation of "connecting wires set on a side perpendicular to the side on which drive electrode groups are arranged" is critical and reduced the number of references those with this feature (such as the Hagiwara 20030058395 reference).

Re claim 4 and those depending thereon where connection structure where each said connecting wire is a two-layer structure formed of an and each said connecting wire is a two-layer structure formed of indium-tin oxide. Please note that the limitation of "connecting wires set on a side perpendicular to the side on which drive electrode groups are arranged" is critical and reduced the number of references those with this feature (such as the Hagiwara 20030058395 reference).

Re claim 20 and those depending thereon:
a reflective layer and a color filter layer overlapping one another in the image display section, wherein said color filter layer is substantially as thick as the shielding layer, and the thickness of each said connecting wire is substantially equal to the sum of the thickness of the reflective layer and the thickness of each said electrode. Please note that the limitation of "connecting wires set on a side perpendicular to the side on which drive electrode groups are arranged" is critical and reduced the number of references those with this feature (such as the Hagiwara 20030058395 reference).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth A. Parker whose telephone number is 571-272-2298. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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